

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the recent phone call and suggestions regarding proposed claim amendments. In response, applicant has clarified the claims per the Examiner's suggestions, as noted above.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NA11P279/01.024.01).

Respectfully submitted,

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